

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

SUBMITTED TO:

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Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

| Casualty Identification: | | Burial Information: | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Confirmed Identity | X | Burial Location Identified | X |
| Most Probable Identity | | Grave Stone Correction | X |
| Questionable Identity | | Grave Records Correction | X |
| Incorrect Identity | | Request for CWGC Details | |
| Other | | Other | |

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

| Casualty Identification: | | Burial Information: | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Higgins, Patrick | i | White House Cemetery | link |
| 3 rd Canadian Labour Bn. | i | St. Jean, Belgium | i |
| Private #410310 | i | Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 | i |
| Death: 28 June 1917 | link | Exhumation: 1 August 1919 | i |
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Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 lists an "Unknown Soldier 3/Canadian Lab. Bn.". The man was initially listed on the Concentration Report as an "Unknown British Soldier, 3rd Conn Btn".

A review of all of the available information provides clear and convincing evidence that there was only one (1) candidate that met all of the requirements, that being Private [Patrick Higgins # 410310](#) of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion. As there was no date of death on the CWGC records, consideration also had to be given to any man of the unit after redesignation to the 11th Canadian Railway Troops on 29 November 1917.

Preamble:

This case involves the identification of the remains of a Canadian soldier who was killed in action while serving in a “Labour Battalion”, rather than the more typical “Infantry Battalion”. As such, it may be beneficial for the reviewers to present the text from the [“Guide to Sources Relating to Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force”](#), published by Library and Archives Canada (the “Barbara Wilson Thematic”).

Four Canadian Labour Battalions for work in rear areas were organized in England in December 1916 and January 1917 using men not fit for service in the trenches (B. Category). The intention was to have one battalion attached to each Canadian division in France but, in fact, all were employed in railway construction under the Director of Labour (British). In November 1917 two of the battalions finally went to the Canadian Corps and the other two became battalions of Canadian Railway troops. In November 1917, the 2nd and 3rd Labour Battalions were redesignated as the 12th and 11th Battalion Canadian Railway Troops, respectively. In March 1918, the 1st and 4th Labour Battalions were redesignated as the 1st and 2nd Canadian Infantry Works Battalions, respectively.

The following additional information is detailed specifically for the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion:

Organized at Bramshott in January 1917 under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Munro. Majority of officers and other ranks from Manitoba. Arrived in France 10-11 February 1917. Redesignated as 11th Battalion Canadian Railway Troops on 29 November 1917.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 of the White House Cemetery, St. Jean are those of Private Patrick Higgins #410310 of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion. He was killed in action, in the vicinity of Ypres Belgium, on 28 June 1917.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Graves Registration Report* (GRRF) records an Unknown Soldier of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion (3/Can. Lab. Bn.), buried in Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 (Attachment #1). The GRRF had been amended from the initial designation of an Unknown British Soldier of the 3rd Construction Battalion (3/Conn. Bn.).
2. The *Concentrations of Graves – Burial Return* (COG-BR) refers to the information as previously noted on the GRRF, that being an Unknown British Soldier, 3rd Conn. Btn. (Attachment #2a). The remains were recovered from trench map coordinates **28.I.19.d.5.9**, due south of Ypres, Belgium.

Of importance to this case is the recovery of a second set of remains of an identified soldier of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion from the same sector,

and buried in Plot 4 Row A Grave 12 (Attachment #2b). Those remains were recovered from trench map coordinates **28.I.19.d.2.8**. The remains were identified as those of [Private W. Boswell #640232](#). He was killed in action on 28 June 1917, the same day as Private Patrick Higgins.

3. The *War Diary* (WD) of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion reports the death of two (2) "Other Ranks" on 28 June 1917 (Attachment #3). The [CWGC database](#) reveals that those two men were Private W. (William) Boswell and Private Patrick Higgins.

At the time of the two (2) men's death on 28 June 1917, the men were working on five (5) specific projects; however there are no details on how the men were killed. Reference to the specifics of the projects provides us with details on their general location: (Base Camp at **28.H.15.c.9.1**)

- Pioneer Dump, off-loading material – **28.H.27.a.9.2**
- New Plank Road
- Repairing Signal Test Boxes
- Light Railways
- Cable Line – **28.H.29.b.7.5** (Café de Belge)

This information tells us that the men were working on projects in the area south of Vlamertinghe and north of Dickebusch, to the southwest of Ypres.

4. A list of *Possible Candidates* was prepared from the information contained in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) database for the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion. The database records a total of fifteen (15) men lost in Belgium, thirteen (13) in known locations and two (2) named on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial ([CWGC Link](#)). The two men with "No Known Grave" were Private Patrick Higgins #410310 and Private John Doherty #814785 (Attachment #4a).

The name of Private Doherty appeared in the CWGC search results, as both Doherty and Higgins were classed under the "Canadian Labour Corps". Both were in a 3rd Battalion; however each was in a different 3rd Battalion. Private Doherty was with the "3rd Canadian Divisional Employment Company". Although there was a defined "Labour Corps" in the British Army, there was no such designation in the Canadian Corps, thus this is an artefact of the historic records, including the panels on the Menin Gate Memorial. Private Doherty is also excluded from this case as he was killed in action at Watou TMC **27.K.4**, approximately 7,000 yards west of Poperinghe.

In addition to men of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion, it was also necessary to check the records for any men of the 11th Canadian Railway Troops, as detailed in the preamble to this report. [Private John Whitworth McLintock #687655](#) was the only man lost in Belgium from that unit and he has a known grave at Divisional Cemetery (Attachment #4b). Prior to his move to the 11th Canadian Railway Troops he served with the 4th Labour Battalion.

There were no men lost in Belgium that showed the Canadian Labour Corps or a Labour Battalion as a Secondary Regiment ([CWGC Link](#)).

5. A review of the contents of the *Circumstance of Death* (COD) file for Private Higgins tells us that he was killed in action in the vicinity of Dickebusch **28.H.33.b**, Belgium on 28 June 1917 (Attachment #5a). That record also tells us that he was buried 1 mile south of Ypres, Belgium and that the grave was registered. The approximate location of the grave is given as TMC **28.I.25.b.7.4**. The corresponding record for Private Boswell also reports that he was killed in the vicinity of Dickebusch and buried 1 mile south of Ypres, Belgium (Attachment #5b). This coincides with the location information provided in the war diary.
6. The *War Graves Register* (E-13) has been included in this report for each of the two men of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion that are recorded buried in the White House Cemetery (Attachment #6). The importance of these two documents is that each shows that Privates Boswell and Higgins were reported buried at TMC **28.I.25.b.7.4**. This is the same location reported on the COD for Private Higgins. There was no corresponding entry on the COD for Private Boswell. We know from the COG-BR documents that the men were reported recovered for locations **28.I.19.d.2.8** and **28.I.19.d.5.9**.
7. The *Area Map* from the [McMaster Lloyd Reeds Collection](#) shows the area where the remains were reportedly buried and subsequently recovered, approximately 1,000 yards south of Ypres, Belgium (Attachment #6). The “red box” on the map shows the abutting areas of **28.I.19.d** (where both sets of remains were reported recovered) and **28.I.25.b** (the approximate area where both were reported buried).
8. The smaller scale *Trench Map* has been marked to show the precise location of where each of the two men of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion, buried in the White House Cemetery, were reported buried and recovered (Attachment # 7). The E-13 War Graves Registers of both Boswell and Higgins report that they were buried at the location marked with the **red lines** and that the concentrations were made from the locations of the **blue lines** (Boswell) and **green lines** (Higgins), approximately 600 yards to the north. This confirms the discrepancies in the “*buried versus recovered*” areas.
9. The CWGC *Headstone Schedule* (HD-SCHD) confirms that no change was made to the identification of the man in Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 and he remains to this day as “A Soldier of the Great War – Canadian Labour Corps”.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #10).

The evidence is clear that the CWGC records and headstone should be modified to show that Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 contains the remains of [Private Patrick Higgins #410310](#) of the 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion. There are no other possible candidates for those remains.

ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2156837.JPG>

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

D.A.D.G.R. & E. Central Sub-District.
No. 5. District.

REPORT No. **1** SCHEDULE No. **6/c**

PLACE OF BURIAL **WHITE HOUSE, ST. JEAN ^{CEM} ~~BRITISH CEMETERY~~**

COMMUNE. ST. JEAN.

Map Reference **Sheet 28.I.3.a.30.45.** **ENTERED. 9-7-29**
SLIPS ON CK: D.M. 7.27.7.20.

The following are buried here:— **PLOT 4 ROW 'A' (Continued)**

| Regiment | No. | Name | Rank and Initials | Date of Death | Cross Erected or G. R. U'd. | Plot, Row and Grave |
|---|--------|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 64/Labour Coy. | 475906 | BRYAN ✓ | Pte. J. | 29/4/18 | E. | 34 ✓ |
| -do- | 37802 | ARMSTRONG ✓ | Pte. A. | -do- | E. | 35 ✓ |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | E. | 36 ✓ |
| 7/R.W.Kents. | 244435 | GARR ✓ | Pte. B.R. | 7/5/17 | E. | 37 ✓ |
| ^{CAN. LAB. BN.} 3/Conn. Bn. | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ^{XV 9.6} | | | E. | 38 ✓ |
| 2/8 Manchester R. | 303926 | OLIVER ✓ | Pte. E.S.B. | 19/11/17 | E. | 39 ✓ |
| 9 Welsh Regt. | 65312 | PAUL ✓ | Gpl. J.T. | 29-4-18 | E. | 40 ✓ |
| P.P.C.L.I. | 1492 | PRYKE ✓ | Pte. | 28/4/15 | E. | 41 ✓ |
| 1/Dorset Regt. | 9029 | PALMER ✓ | Pte. T.H. | -do- | E. | 42 ✓ |
| 15 40/Canadian. | 27797 | BROWLEY ✓ | Pte. W.H. | 26/10/17 | E. | 43 ✓ |
| R. Inf. Fus. | 10531 | MORROW ^{V.C.} ✓ | Pte. J. | 26/10/17 | E. | 44 ✓ |
| 7/A. & S. H. | 2353 | LAIRD ✓ | Pte. C. | -do- | E. | 45 ✓ |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER -do- | | | E. | 46 ✓ |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | E. | 47 ✓ |
| Gordon Hildrs. | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | E. | 48 ✓ |
| ^{13/10/17} R. Inf. Fus. | 48485 | WEAR ✓ | Pte. W. R. | 22-8-17 | E. | 49 ✓ |
| ^{2/10/17} R. Inf. Fus. | 18248 | STONES ✓ | Pte. T. | 17-8-17 | E. | 50 ✓ |

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ATTACHMENT #2a

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2157012.JPG>

1064/19. "A"

**CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES.
(EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIALS).
BURIAL RETURN.**

NAME OF CEMETERY OF RE-BURIAL... WHITE HOUSE CEMETERY ST JEAN Sheet 26, I.3, a.30.45.

| Plot | Row | Grave | Approximate map reference where body found | Was cross found on grave | Particulars on cross found on grave | Regimental Particulars | Remarks | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. |
|------|-----|-------|--|--------------------------|--|------------------------|---------|---|
| 1+ | A | 3849 | I.19.4.5.9. | Yes | Unknown British Soldier. 3rd Comd Bn | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 3941 | D.26.4.1.5. | Yes | 303926 Pte Oliver. J.S. 2/10 Man. Regt K. in A. 10th Nov 17. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4049 | H.21.4.4.3. | No | 65312 Cpl J.T. Paul. Welsh Regt | | | Yes. |
| 1+ | A | 4148 | G.7.4.05.20. | Yes | 1492 Pte G. Parry. P.P.C.I.I. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4244 | do | Yes | 9023 Pte Palmer. 1/Dorset Regt. | | | Yes. |
| 1+ | A | 4346 | do | Yes | 27797 Pte Brownley 48 Canadians. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4446 | do | Yes | Pte J. Morrow. R.Ir. Fus. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4544 | do | Yes | 2353 Pte G. Laird. 7th Arty & South Hrs. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4648 | do | Yes | Unknown British Soldier | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4749 | P.25.4.6.5. | No | Unknown British Soldier | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4849 | D.26.4.1.5. | No | Unknown Gordon Lrs. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 4951 | D.26.4.1.6. | No | 48495 W. Wear. 4th R. S. 45. 12.8.17. | | | No. |
| 1+ | A | 5052 | do | No | 13243 T. Stones. R.G.F. C of E. 17-4-17 | | | No. |

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ATTACHMENT #2b

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES.
(EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIALS).
BURIAL RETURN.

NAME OF CEMETERY OF RE-BURIAL WHITE HOUSE CEMETERY ST JEAN Sheet 26, I.3, a.30, 45.

| Plot | Row | Grave | Approximate map reference where body found | Was cross found on grave | Particulars on cross found on grave | Means of Identification. | Remarks | No. |
|------|-----|-------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|-----|
| 14 | A | 8 | H.15.b.6.8. | Yes | Regimental Particulars Pte Byrne, R. 3rd Hous Fus. 6/14/18 | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 9 | H.8.d.6.2. | Yes | 111159 Gnr E.C. Clapp. 252nd Sigs Bty R.G.A. 28/4/18. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 10 | H.22.a.8.8. | Yes | 11699 Pte W. Dyson. 2nd Ches. Regt. Died of Wounds. 24/5/15. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 11 | I.26.b.2.8. | Yes | 235472 Pte G.A. Fisher. 6th Leic Regt. 1/10/18. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 12 | I.19.d.2.8. | Yes | 643322 Pte W. Boswell. 3rd Can Lab Batt Killed 22/6/17 R.I.P. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 13 | H.22.a.8.18. | Yes | Capt Brooke. 2/1. N.M. Field Coy R.E. K. in A. 5/5/15. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 14 | I.27.a.2.2. | Yes | 56995 Pte G.H. Banks. 17th Lancs Fus 9/9/18 | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 15 | I.26.d.1.8. | Yes | 2/Lieut. F. Heslop. 1st West York Regt K. in A. 26/4/18 R.I.P. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |
| 14 | A | 16 | H.22.a.8.8. | Yes | 6370 Spr W. Noon. No. 2. Siege Coy. R.A.R.E. D. of W. 24/5/15. | Regimental Particulars | Were any effects forwarded to the Base. | No. |

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ATTACHMENT #3

Library and Archives Canada: War Diaries of the First World War. Available as (1) ArchivaNet: On-Line Research Tool, or (2) [War Diaries of the First World War](https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/item?id=e001473992).

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and the Standard Manual. This page
will be prepared in manuscript.

3RD CANADIAN LAZAR BATTALION.
WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1917.
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Army Form C. 2118.
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| Place | Date | Hour | Page No. 6. | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---------------|----------|-------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| In the Field. | 27.6.17. | 4.00 | | 1 Officer 47 Q/R's. Pioneer Dump off-loading material. | |
| | | 1.30 | | 1 Officer 90 Q/R's. new Plank Road. | |
| | | 4.00 | | 47 Q/R's. repairing Signal Test Boxes. | |
| | | 4.30 | | 1 Officer 97 Q/R's. Light Railways. | |
| | | 7.00 | | 1 Officer 54 Q/R's. Cable Line. | |
| | | P.M. | | 1 Officer 96 Q/R's. Cable line. | |
| | | 9.00 | | Casualties. 4 Q/R's. wounded. | |
| | | | | Weather. clear and warm. | |
| " | 28.6.17. | 4.00 | | 1 Officer 55 Q/R's. Pioneer Dump, off-loading material. | |
| | | 1.30 | | 1 Officer 97 Q/R's. new Plank Road. | |
| | | 4.00 | | 49 Q/R's. repairing Signal Test Boxes. | |
| | | 4.30 | | 1 Officer 96 Q/R's. Light Railways. | |
| | | 7.00 | | 2 Officers 178 Q/R's. Cable Line. | |
| | | P.M. | | 1 Officer 57 Q/R's. Pioneer Dump off-loading material. | |
| | | 11.00 | | Casualties. 2 Q/R's. killed, 6 Q/R's. wounded. | |
| | | | | Weather. clear and warm. | |
| " | 29.6.17. | 4.00 | | 1 Officer 127 Q/R's. new Plank Road. | |
| | | 4.30 | | 55 Q/R's. repairing Signal Test Boxes. | |
| | | 7.00 | | 1 Officer 104 Q/R's. Light Railways. | |
| | | 8.00 | | 1 Officer 97 Q/R's. Cable line. | |
| | | P.M. | | 67 Q/R's. Freight train sending material forward by trolley. | |
| | | 11.00 | | 1 Officer 47 Q/R's. Pioneer Dump off-loading material. | |
| | | | | Casualties. Nil. | |
| | | | | Weather. cloudy and warm. | |

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ATTACHMENT #4a

Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Find War Dead - Belgium
[3rd Battalion Canadian Labour Corps, Ypres \(Menin Gate\) Memorial](#)

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| Last name | First names or initials | Date of death | Regiment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rank | | Age | Country of service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Service Number | | Cemetery/memorial | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Grave Reference/Panel Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIGGINS | PATRICK | 28 June 1917 | Canadian Labour Corps | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Private | | YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL | Canadian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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ATTACHMENT #4b

Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Find War Dead - Belgium
[11th Canadian Railway Troops](#)

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| Last name | First names or initials | Date of death Age Cemetery/memorial Grave Reference/Panel Number | Regiment Country of service |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| McLINTOCK | JOHN WHITWORTH | 25 November 1917 Age 33 DIVISIONAL CEMETERY M. 34. | Canadian Railway Troops Canadian |

ATTACHMENT #5a

Ancestry.com. *Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1948* [[database on-line](#)]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#). Record Group 150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 145-238. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. War Graves Ledger Books. RG 150, 1992-93/314, vols. 239-302. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

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|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. NO. | 2. RANK OR RATING | 3. SURNAME | 4. CHRISTIAN NAMES |
| 410310, | Private, | HIGGINS, | Patrick, |
| 5. UNIT OR SHIP | 6. DATE OF CASUALTY | 7. H.Q. FILE NO. | 8. RELIGION |
| 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion, | 28-6-17. | 649-H-7226. | Roman Catholic. |
| 9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY | | 10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN | |
| "Killed in Action." | | | |
| 11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY | | | |
| VICINITY OF DICKEBUSCH. | | | |
| NOTE: Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located. | | | |
| 12. CEMETERY | 13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY | 14. GRAVE LOCATION | 15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE |
| | | Grave..... | |
| | | Plot..... | |
| | | Row..... | |
| 16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN | 17. EXPOSURE NO. | 18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO | |
| | | | |
| 19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET. | | | |

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| 20. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE | 1 mile South of Ypres, Belgium. (Grave Registered.) |
| 21. REMARKS | Approximate Location. Sheet 26.I.25.b.7.4. |

ATTACHMENT #5b

Ancestry.com. *Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1948* [[database online](#)]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#). Record Group 150, 1992–1993/314, Boxes 145–238. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. War Graves Ledger Books. RG 150, 1992-93/314, vols. 239–302. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

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| 1. NO. | 2. RANK OR RATING | 3. SURNAME | 4. CHRISTIAN NAMES |
| 640232 | Private | BOSWELL | William |
| 5. UNIT OR SHIP | 6. DATE OF CASUALTY | 7. H.Q. FILE NO. | 8. RELIGION |
| 3rd Canadian Labour Battalion | 28-6-17 | 649-B-17417 | Presbyterian |
| 9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY | | 10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN | |
| "Killed in Action" | | | |
| 11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY | | | |
| Vicinity of Dickebusch. | | | |
| NOTE:-Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located. | | | |
| 12. CEMETERY | 13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY | 14. GRAVE LOCATION | 15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE |
| White House Cemetery, St.Jean | ½ mile North East of Ypres, Belgium. Commune - St. Jean. 28.1.3.2.30.45. | Grave 12 Plot 4 Row A | |
| 16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN | 17. EXPOSURE NO. | 18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO | |
| | | | |
| 19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET. | | | |

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16. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.

Exhumed from: 1 mile South of Ypres, Belgium.

17. REMARKS.

ATTACHMENT #6

Ancestry.com. Canada, CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers, 1914-1919 [[database on-line](#)].
Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#); (RG150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 39-144); Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

FORM E11
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NUMBER 410310 RANK Pte NAME HIGGINS, P. 21404

UNIT 3rd Labour Bn Men. Regt. NEXT-OF-KIN Miss D. Higgins
12 Desborough Road
Eastleigh
Hants.

FILE NO. R.L. 25-H-3103

| DATE OF DEATH | CAUSE AND PLACE OF DEATH | CAS. SHEET NO. |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 28-6-17 | Killed in Action | A 60 |

| DATE OF BURIAL | PLACE OF BURIAL | DESCRIPTION OF GRAVE |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | "B. Y. 4" H. 28. 1. 25. 25. | B.R. 2884/24 R.E. also B.R. 3937/10.4. R.E. Burial report by G.R.O. 1 mile S. of Ypres BR/4825/24 R.E. |

MEMORIAL

FORM E11
9758 - 10M - 4-6-17.

NUMBER 640232 RANK Pte NAME BOSWELL, W. 649-B-17417

UNIT 3rd Labour Battalion. NEXT-OF-KIN Address unknown. Estates Branch.

FILE NO. R.L. 25-B-3938
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Athens. Ind.
Canada

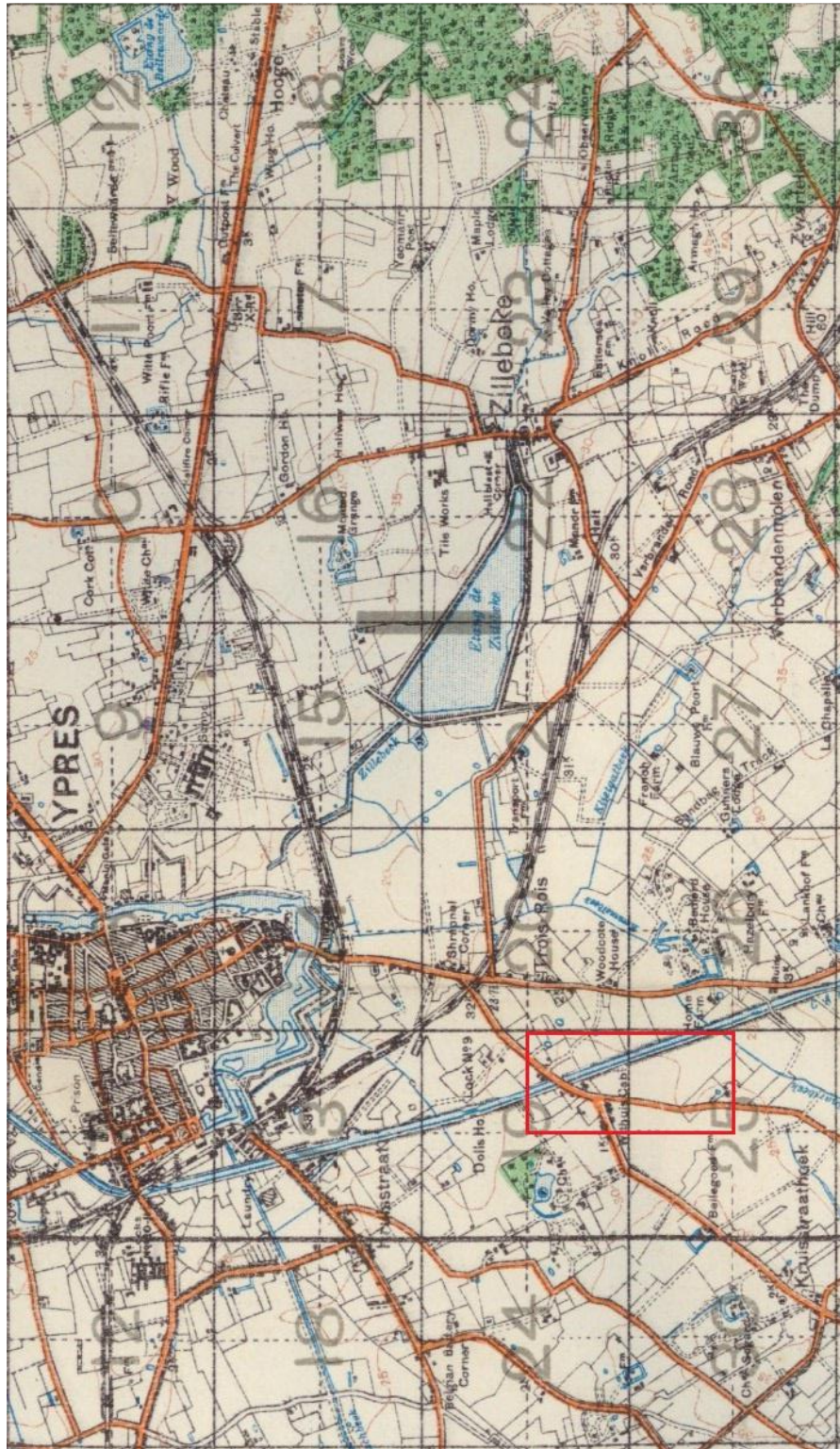
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|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 28-6-17 | Killed in Action | A 60 |

| DATE OF BURIAL | PLACE OF BURIAL | DESCRIPTION OF GRAVE |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | "B. Y. 4" H. 28. 1. 25. 25. | B.R. 2884/24 R.E. also B.R. 3937/10.4. R.E. Burial report by G.R.O. 1 mile S. of Ypres Exhumation Burial Report by G.R.O. White House Cemetery, St. Jean. 3/4 miles S. of Ypres. Plot 4 Row A Gr 12 BR/4825/24 R.E. B.R. 11130. |

ATTACHMENT #7

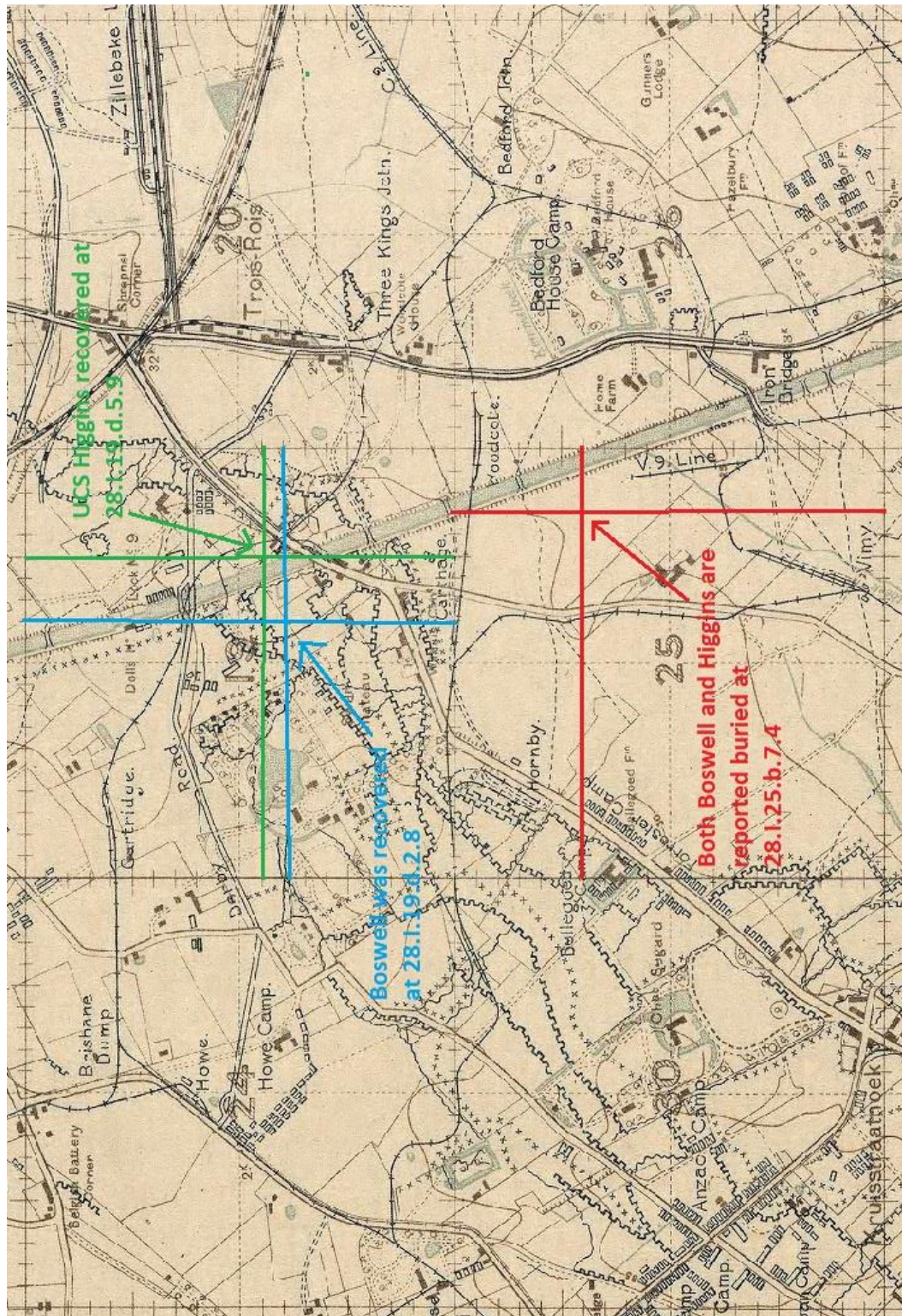
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ATTACHMENT #8

The National Archives British Trench Map Atlas 28NW4. Edition 3(S) Map wo297_0690
Trenches Corrected 27/03/18. Naval and Military Press, Uckfield, West Sussex, United Kingdom.



ATTACHMENT #9

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Comprehensive Report of Headstone Inscriptions.*

<https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1865833.JPG>

| No. of Contract _____ dated _____ | | Imperial War Graves Commission. | | | | Schedule "A" Page 36 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------|--|--|
| Name and Address of Firm. _____ | | COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS | | | | Name of Cemetery. | |
| | | to this report is attached | | | | WHITE HOUSE CEM. ST. JEAN "B" | |
| | | COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS | | | | To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:— | |
| | | (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined) | | | | | |
| | | and | | | | WHITE HSE. C. | |
| | | TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design). | | | | | |
| Badge Design No. and Layout No. | 1st Line. | 2nd Line. | 3rd Line. | 4th Line. | Age. | Relig. Emb. | To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level. |
| | Number and Rank. | Initials, NAME and Honours. | Regiment. | Date of Death. | | | Plot P. Row R. Grave G. |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| | | | | In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally. | | | P. R. G. |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1088/1A | SECOND LIEUTENANT | E. R. NICKSON | 9 LABOUR CORPS | 29TH APRIL 1918 | 45 AGE 28 | CROSS | 4 A 25 1026 |
| 1059/1E | 17677 PRIVATE | J. G. L. BURRELL, DCM. | 13 SUFFOLK REGIMENT | 2ND MAY 1918 | 62 AGE 29 | CROSS | 4 A 26 1027 |
| 1011/1A | 32571 PRIVATE | W. HULME | 6 CHESHIRE REGIMENT | 3RD MAY 1918 | 38 NONE | CROSS | 4 A 27 1028 |
| 1186/2A | 840973 DRIVER | H. GLOVER | 7 ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY | 3RD MAY 1918 | 41 NONE | CROSS | 4 A 28 1029 |
| 1200/1D | 4871 DRIVER | F. R. PUNCH | 7 5TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS | 7TH OCTOBER 1917 | 50 AGE 25 | CROSS | 4 A 29 1030 |
| 1200/1E | 5044 PRIVATE | G. W. BOYD | 6 8TH BN AUSTRALIAN INF. | 1ST OCTOBER 1916 | 48 AGE 36 | CROSS | 4 A 30 1031 |
| 1027/1A | G/277 PRIVATE | A. E. LEWIS | 7 E. KENT REGT. (THE BUFFS) | 16TH JULY 1917 | 45 NONE | CROSS | 4 A 31 1032 |
| 1052/1D | 7114 PRIVATE | D. FRASER | 7 K. O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS | 5TH JUNE 1915 | 46 AGE 36 | CROSS | 4 A 32 1033 |
| 1072/2B | 376 LANCE SERJT. | F. H. REED | 6 YORKSHIRE REGIMENT | 26TH APRIL 1915 | 49 AGE 32 | CROSS | 4 A 33 1034 |
| 1009/1A | 8592 CORPORAL | X J. BRYAN | BORDER REGIMENT | 29TH APRIL 1918 | 41 AGE 31 | CROSS | 4 A 34 1035 |
| 1011/1A | 46744 PRIVATE | A. ARMSTRONG | 10 CHESHIRE REGIMENT | 29TH APRIL 1918 | 41 NONE | CROSS | 4 A 35 1036 |
| LAYOUT 1H A SOLDIER | | OF THE GREAT WAR | | | | CROSS | 4 A 36 1037 |
| 1028/1B | 24433 PRIVATE | B. R. CARR | 6 ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT | 16TH JULY 1917 | 50 AGE 21 | CROSS | 4 A 37 1038 |
| 1202/1G | A SOLDIER | OF THE GREAT WAR | 21 CANADIAN LABOUR CORPS | | 19 | CROSS | 4 A 38 1039 |
| 1039/1D | 303926 PRIVATE | E. S. B. OLIVER | 9 MANCHESTER REGIMENT | 20TH NOVEMBER 1917 | 52 AGE 33 | CROSS | 4 A 39 1040 |

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Stone No 1035 to x Sp 112

*These headstones are not to be executed until further orders.

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ATTACHMENT #10

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Commonwealth Forces during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

| Guideline Criteria for Submission: | Evidence and Source Material: |
|---|--|
| Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later. | Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements. |

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

| Name | Affiliation | E-mail | Contribution |
|----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Richard Laughton Canada | Private Researcher LMC Great War Research Company | rlaughton@laughton.ca | Investigator & Report Author |

Special Note:

The initial identification of the Unknown Canadian in Plot 4 Row A Grave 38 of the White House Cemetery was made by a family researcher investigating [Private Oliver #303926](#) buried in the adjoining grave. The researcher wished to remain anonymous and have the case prepared and presented to the CWGC by a fellow researcher of the Great War Forum. As a Canadian, the request was directed to my attention and I undertook to complete the research and submit the report.